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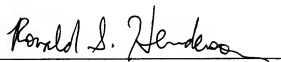
Sir:

The above-captioned reissue application was filed on July 3, 2003, and an official filing receipt was mailed by your office on September 24, 2003. In response to Office Action dated June 17, 2005, an Amendment and Response to Office Action was filed on December 16, 2005, along with an executed Offer to Surrender Original Patent Grant, and a new executed Reissue Declaration by Inventor.

It has now been almost two years since we responded to the June 17, 2005 Office Action but we have received no further communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding this reissue application. Please advise us of the current status of this reissue application. According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.176, “[a]pplications for reissue will be acted on by the examiner in advance of other applications.”

Respectfully submitted,

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